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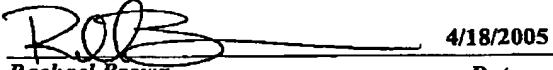
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1253 1,020	2263 510	Extension for reply within third month	
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FOR: MULTI-AXIS RETENTION MECHANISM

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 18, 2005, applicants provide the following remarks.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application for reconsideration.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,637,004 (Chen). Claims 11-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the following reasons.

With all due respect, applicants respectfully request the Examiner's cooperation in developing a complete and clear prosecution record in the event that the present application goes to appeal. Applicants submit that the present record is unclear and that

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